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SALEM COUNTY CONTINUES TO REPAIR AND REBUILD WHILE PREPARING FOR HURRICANE IRENE

(SALEM, NJ)—Freeholder Bruce Bobbitt, Chair of the County Public Works Committee, and Freeholder Deputy Director David Lindenmuth, Chair of the County Public Safety Committee, today announced that the County is continuing efforts in rebuilding and repairing the transportation infrastructure, while preparing for another weekend of inclement weather.

“Our public works and engineering departments are working tirelessly to ensure that our roadways are safe and usable as quickly as possible,” said Freeholder Bobbitt. “As a result of the August 14th storm we had many roadways and several bridges shut down, and we are proud to say that many have now been reopened. The remaining roadways and bridges will take more time because of the extent of the damage sustained.”

Olivet Road is closed from Dealtown Road to Palatine Road in Pittsgrove Township. The road is expected to reopen Saturday afternoon; however, additional repairs will be made during the following week. R.E. Pierson Construction is working on this project.

Greenville Road at Bridge #1230 is expected to be open by Mid-October, and the culvert at Jericho Road is expected to be open by Labor Day. Greenville Road is closed from Grier's Lane to Olivet Road. South State, Inc. will be working on both projects.

Burlington Road is still closed from EFT Road to Sand Bridge Road. This will be closed longer than the other roads due to the Greenville Bridge needing replacement.

“We are coordinating our public work efforts with emergency management officials to ensure that the work that is being performed is in accordance with FEMA guidelines so that we can maximize the potential of reimbursement,” said Freeholder Bobbitt. “Now that the Governor has requested aid from the President, we urge our federal representatives to continue to pressure the Whitehouse for assistance.”

The County is already making preparations for the possible arrival of Hurricane Irene or its remnants over the weekend.



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“At this time it is too soon to know exactly what this latest weather scenario will mean to Salem County, but we are not only working to repair, but also to prepare for this latest round from Mother Nature,” said Freeholder Bobbitt.

Emergency Management Officials are closely monitoring the weather system in tandem with State Officials to ensure a coordinated and effective response.

“Our Emergency Management Office works with our municipal emergency management officials, County Public Works Department, and County Communications Office, to ensure that we are relaying timely and necessary information regarding the changing weather predictions,” said Deputy Director Lindenmuth. “We are making the necessary preparations for the worst, while hoping for the best.”

The County of Salem suggests the following readiness steps in anticipation of this weekend’s possible storm:

- Listen to a battery-operated radio/TV for storm reports and any related instructions.
 - Local TV stations include CBS-Channel 3, ABC-Channel 6, NBC-Channel 10
 - Local radio stations include KYW 1060 (AM) and WIXM 97.3 (FM)
- Check the items in your emergency kit:
 - 3 days’ worth of water (1 gallon/person/day)
 - Ready-to-eat canned foods, dried fruits, and granola bars
 - Manual can opener
 - Infant formula and diapers (if appropriate)
 - Change of clothes and footwear per person
 - 1 blanket per person
 - Extra set of keys
 - Credit card and cash
 - 1 flashlight per person
 - Extra batteries
 - Paper goods
 - Personal hygiene products
 - Important family documents
 - Extra pair of glasses
 - Family phone directory
 - First Aid Kit



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- Food and water for pets (if appropriate)
- Be sure you have necessary medications
- Fuel up your vehicle
- Bring in outdoor objects (i.e. toys, lawn furniture); anchor objects that cannot be brought indoors
- Turn refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting
- Store water in clean tubs, bottles, or jugs
- Store valuables and personal papers in a waterproof container on the highest level of your home
- If you own a boat, secure it in a safe location
- Stay inside, away from windows, skylights, and glass doors
- If power is lost, turn off major appliances to reduce power surge when electricity is restored

“Being prepared and staying informed is important to the safety of our community,” concluded Deputy Director Lindenmuth.

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